

REMARKS

Claims 26-64 are pending. Claims 1 and 3-18, 20-25 and 65-109 have been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Additionally, no new issues have been raised by way of the present submission which would require additional search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner. Applicants have simply cancelled rejected claims.

If the present submission does not place the application in condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into better form for appeal.

In view of the following remarks Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Non-elected Claims

Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 65-108. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to these claims.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-17, 20, 22, 24 and 109 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Li. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants submit that each of these claims has been cancelled, thus, this rejection is moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-4, 18, 21, 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Li.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and submit that each of the rejected claims has been cancelled. Thus, this rejection is moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 26-64 are allowable. Since these are the only pending claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for an extension of two (2) months to October 23, 2003 in which to file a reply to the Office Action. The required fee of \$420.00 is enclosed herewith.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional

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fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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